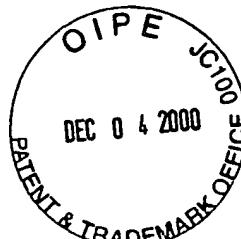


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Re: U.S. Utility Application
Appl. No. 09/638,954; Filed: August 16, 2000
For: **Open-Architecture system for Real-time Consolidation
of Information From Multiple Financial Systems**
Inventors: Cathy C. NORTHINGTON and Louis J. GOODSON
Our Ref: 16762.093A.US02

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (in duplicate);
2. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
3. Form PTO-1083 (in duplicate);
4. Second Preliminary Amendment;
5. Return postcard; and
6. Our Check No. 272283 for \$1,002.00 to cover:

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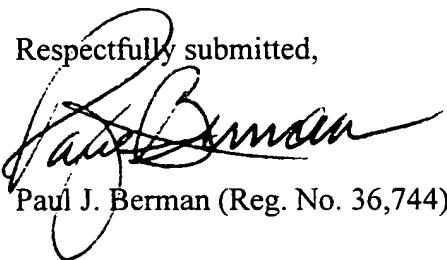
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Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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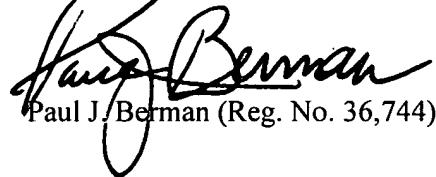
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a statement previously submitted.
- A statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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